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Title: **Internet Network Banner**

Mail Stop Non-Fee

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Applicants respectfully submit pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 56, and 97 an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), along with the form PTO/SB/08a and 08b (2 pages) non-US Patent cited art, for consideration in the above-referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully submit that this IDS is being submitted in a timely manner within three months of the date of filing of the patent application.

U.S. Patent Cited Art

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,379,251 granted April 30, 2002 for a system for increasing click-through rates of Internet banner advertisements through the delivery of banner ads having a user interactive gaming function.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,695,400 granted December 9, 1997 for a method of managing user inputs and displaying outputs in a multi-player game that is played on a plurality of terminals on a network in a manner that compensates for differences in network latency among different terminals.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,899,810 granted on May 4, 1999 for distributed game architecture to overcome system latency.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,586,257 granted on December 17, 1996 for network architecture to support multiple site real-time video games.
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,196,920 granted on March 6, 2001 for online game playing with advertising.

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6. U.S. patent No. 6,267,675 granted on July 31, 2001 for an online advertising game.
7. U.S. patent No. 6,477,575 granted on November 5, 2002 for a system and method for performing dynamic Web marketing and advertising.

Non-Patent cited Art

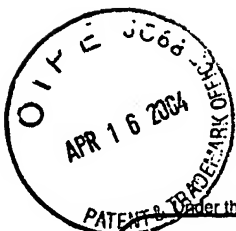
1. Press Release from Mindcomet Corp. dated January 22, 2004 disclosing an online game using a Flash communication server.
2. MediaPost's Media Daily News, "How to Play Games and Influence People: Advergaming Emerges as New Ad Option," January 15, 2004 discloses online games which incorporate advertising.
3. MediaPost's Media Daily News, "AOL Adopts Macro View of Instant Messaging, Deal enables Flash," November 21, 2003, discloses the incorporation of Flash software functionality into AOL's instant messenger service.
4. Press Release from Yahoo! Inc. dated October 22, 2001 disclosing Yahoo Instant Messenger environment which incorporates additional functionality into Yahoo's instant messenger functionality.
5. Press Release from Yahoo! Inc. dated August 15, 2002 disclosing Yahoo Instant Messenger environment which incorporates webcam functionality into Yahoo's instant messenger functionality.

Applicants respectfully request substantive examination of their application.

Respectfully Submitted



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